GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4263
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SALE OF GOOD QUALITY COAL
Jha Shri Raghunath

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 4236 on August 24, 2005 regarding alleged irregularities in marketing of coal and state :

(a) whether report has been received from the Government of Maharashtra and the Western Coalfields Limited (WCL) regarding sale of good quality coal to the local small scale units as `rejects` causing loss to the Maharashtra State Electricity Board (M SEB) ;

(b) if so, the (details thereof; and

(c) the action taken in the matter ?

Answer

MNISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL & MINES (Dr. DASAR1 NARAYANA RAO)

(a)to(c) A report has been received from Western Coalfields Limited (WCL) in response to a complaint in this regard. WCL releases coal, depending on the availability at different mines, to authorized washery operators of Maharashtra State Power Generation Company Limited (MSPGCL) (formerly MSEB) by road and thereafter washed coal is dispatched Co Chandrapore TPS by rail.This is subjected to joint sampling by MSPGCL and WCL at the loading point. The trucks are weighed correctly and properly before leaving the colliery premises. As far as the rejects are concerned, the same is the property of MSPGCL as WCL charges it the price applicable for the total quantity of coal lifted on its behalf.The rejects are disposed off as per the terms of agreement between MSPGCL and the washery operator. WCL has no role to play in the disposal of these rejects. Report from Government of Maharashtra is awaited.